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## Letter from Anna Clemson to Elias Baker, 1864 May 26

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May 26<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Thursday

Dear Sir,

I have been anxiously expecting a letter from you, announcing the arrival of the pictures, but not a word has yet reached me, & I am getting uneasy. I wrote Mr. Elden, the day they started, & you also. Do let me know what is the cause of the delay. I have not had a line from you, since you left. I hope you are not indisposed.

My object in writing to day particularly is, to say that I leave Tuesday, if the weather is favourable, & am sorry to say the house is not yet let. I have lingered along, in hopes it would be, but the several have come to see it, & seem pleased none decide. A gentleman's

I know slightly, & believe to be  
a responsible person, is very anxious  
to take it - but his wife ob-  
jects to spending the winter  
in the country, & this would  
prevent his letting his house  
in town - still, so anxious is he  
to get her, that he told me if  
you would take, at the rate of  
\$450 a year (that is \$37½ a  
month) he would take it, keep  
his other house, & put a man  
here for the winter. I told him  
the rent was already very low &  
I had no authority to make  
any deduction, but of course  
would write what he said -  
Perhaps, we had better let it  
at that, than let it remain empty  
to be injured - or suppose  
he pays \$50 the month, & if he  
or you can let it, for the win-  
ter, do so. Yes, in the case you  
can rent, to vacate by the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
Nov., & if not rented, he to  
pay no rent during the winter  
beginning by the 1<sup>st</sup> December  
but to put some one here to

take charge of it. Anything is  
better than leaving it idle - Of  
course, if any one else comes  
I shall rent it; but write me  
at once, what you think, & di-  
rectly, & I will try & wait a  
day or two for the answer, if  
it is not disposed of before.  
Florida is staying with a friend  
- Mrs. Brown, Freida, & Minnie  
went off yesterday, & Mrs. Dail  
Mr. White, Andy, & myself, are  
camping here, in a comfort-  
able manner. It is very sad  
to be thus forced to break up  
one's home, but I must not  
complain, while all my family  
are alive & well.

Love to all the family

Your affectionate

Niece

Anna C. Emerson

If you agree to either of the  
above terms with a memoran-  
dum empowering me to rent  
without specifying that I may  
make the best bargain I can  
for I don't know whether he  
would agree to the last as I  
only thought of it while writing